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RE: Labeling requirements for irradiated food

To Whom It May Concern:


As a concerned citizen, I ask the FDA to reconsider their plans to remove all current labeling requirements for irradiated food.

Irradiation is the process of treating foods with gamma rays, x-rays of high voltage electrons to kill bacteria and parasites, delay sprouting, and increase shelf life. The FDA already has approved irradiation for essentially all foods including fruits and vegetables.

**I want to know if irradiated foods are on my table. Prominent labels should be used in all cases so the consumer can make an informed choice.**

**Please continue with current labeling requirements!**

Sincerely,

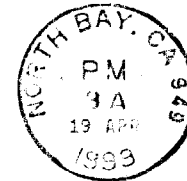


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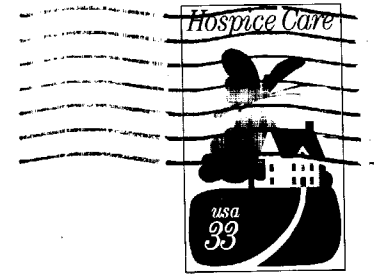
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